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SUBJ: JAPANESE-SOVIET ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS IN PREPARATION
FOR SUMMIT

SUMMARY: SOVIET FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE
NOW IN JAPAN FOR TALKS WITH GOJ AND BUSINESSMEN APPAR-
ENTLY IN PREPARATION FOR SIGNATURE OF ECONOMIC COOPERA-
TION AGREEMENT AT TANAKA-BREZHNEV SUMMIT.

1. SOVIET FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE
SEMICHASTNOV ARRIVED IN JAPAN AUG 24 FOR TALKS WITH
JAPANESE BUSINESS LEADERS BEGINNING AUG 27. ACCORDING
TO RUBEN PETROSIAN, OF SOVIET TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
OFFICE IN TOKYO, SEMICHASTNOV NOT IN JAPAN FOR NEGO-
TIATIONS ON SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, BUT RATHER
TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC COOPERATION ACCORD WHICH
EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED AT TANAKA-BREZHNEV SUMMIT.
PETROSIAN EXPLAINED THAT SOVIETS HAD ORIGINALLY HOPED
DISCUSS ACCORD, WHICH HE SAID WOULD BE VERY SIMILAR TO ONE
THAT USSR HAD CONCLUDED WITH FRG, AT SIXTH SESSION OF
JAPAN-SOVIET ECONOMIC COOPERATION COMMITTEE. HOWEVER,
DIFFICULTIES RE TYUMEN PROJECT HAD FORCED POSTPONEMENT OF
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THIS SESSION OF COMMITTEE, NECESSITATING SPECIAL TRIP BY

SEMICHASTNOV.

2. PETROSIAN ADDED THAT HE BELIEVED SEMICHASTNOV ALSO WOULD BE TRYING TO SMOOTH RUFFLED JAPANESE FEELINGS OVER FACT THAT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING HAD NOW BEEN POSTPONED SEVERAL TIMES WITH NO DATE YET SET. PETROSIAN SAID HE EXPECTED SEMICHASTNOV WOULD TELL JAPANESE THAT SUMMIT SHOULD COME FIRST, THEN DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS ON TYUMEN, TO BE FOLLOWED BY ECONOMIC COMMITTEE SESSION. PETROSIAN ADDED SEMICHASTNOV WOULD BE SEEING FONMIN OHIRA, MITI MINISTER NAKASONE, KEIDANREN PRESIDENT UEMURA. PRESS REPORTS THAT CALLS ARE EXPECTED ON TOKYO GAS CHAIRMAN ANZAI, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF NIPPON STEEL NAGANO, OVERSEAS PETROLEUM CORP PRES, IMAZATO AND OTHER PROMINENT BUSINESSMEN.

3. MASAKI KONISHI OF FONOFF SOVIET AFFAIRS DIV ALSO TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE THOUGHT SEMICHASTNOV'S MAIN PURPOSE WAS TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC COOPERATION ACCORD. SOVIET UNION, HE SAID, HAD RECENTLY GIVEN GOJ DRAFT OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT. ACCORDING KONISHI, TEN ARTICLES OF SOVIET DRAFT BASICALLY AIMED AT FACILITATING TRADE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, AND INCLUDE SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO INDUSTRIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION. KONISHI INDICATED THAT GOJ HAD NO SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS WITH DRAFT AND DID NOT EXPECT TO SUBMIT COUNTERPROPOSAL TO SOVIETS.

4. MEMBERS OF SEMICHASTNOV PARTY IN JAPAN ARE: NIKOLAY SHIRYAYEV, CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION FOR TRADE WITH SOUTHEAST ASIA AND MIDDLE EAST; TARAKANOV (PHON), DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; ANDRAYEV (PHON) GOSPLAN; AND ZAISWAYEV (PHON), SECRETARY TO SEMICHASTNOV.

5. COMMENT: COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION SEEMS TO CONFIRM REPORTS THAT SOVIET DEL NOT IN JAPAN FOR DETAILED DISCUSSIONS OF SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.
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